



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, according to a 1996 study by the C.D.C. 16 percent of 6 million-plus pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage or a stillbirth, that is almost a million prenatal losses. Of those 6 million plus pregnancies, 62 percent (3,720,000) ended in live births, and 26,784 of those births ended in infant deaths from 11 months and younger. This does not reflect the 22 percent who are lost to abortion; and

WHEREAS, the availability of information and support is of the utmost importance to families who suffer from Pregnancy and Infant Loss to better help them cope; and

WHEREAS, a public that is informed and educated about Pregnancy and Infant Loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to affected families; and

WHEREAS, professionals who come in contact with families who have suffered Pregnancy and Infant Loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses, and employers, can better serve families if they have special training and better knowledge of Pregnancy and Infant Loss; and

WHEREAS, a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, October 15, 2002, is set aside to remember all of the Pregnancies and Infants lost in order to heal and be comforted in a time of pain and heartache, and to have hope for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2002 to be

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pete T. Cenarrusa".

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE